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118th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Dec. 23, 2024
[H.R. 5009]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This Act may be cited as the “Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025”.

(b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in this or any other Act to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025” shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025”.

Servicemember
Quality of Life
Improvement
and National
Defense
Authorization
Act for Fiscal
Year 2025.
10 USC 101 note.

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Subtitle E—Prohibitions and Limitations on Procurement

SEC. 851. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH COVERED ENTITIES THAT CONTRACT WITH LOBBYISTS FOR CHINESE MILI- TARY COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section: 10 USC
prec. 4651.

**“§ 4663. Prohibition on contracting with covered entities that
contract with lobbyists for Chinese military compa-
nies** 10 USC 4663.

“(a) PROHIBITION ON ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH COVERED ENTITIES.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract with an entity, a parent company of such entity, or a subsidiary of such entity is a party to a contract with a covered lobbyist.

“(b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an entity that made reasonable inquiries regarding the lobbying activities of another entity and determined such entity was not a covered lobbyist.

“(c) WAIVER.—Upon notification to Congress, the Secretary of Defense may waive the requirements of this section.

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered lobbyist’ means an entity that engages in lobbying activities for any entity determined to be a Chinese military company listed in accordance with section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

“(2) The term ‘lobbying activities’ has the meaning given in section 1045(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (10 U.S.C. 971 note prec.).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on June 30, 2026. 10 USC 4663
note.